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the people, especially the small proprietors, by proper laws and to help them with money. He suggested that the surplus fund of 80 lakhs and the wealth lying unused in the several Devaswoms might be made available to the ryots by means of loans at moderate interest.

Mr. K. G. Sesha Aiyer (Member, Central Association, Trivandrum) advocated the opening of model farms in all Districts, where agriculture might be taught as a subject of study with reference to modern scientific advancements and results. He submitted that agricultural farming, the most important industry of the State, was entitled to a fair share of the State funds, even to a larger share than fell to the development of commerce or the mechanical arts.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions will be considered. Government will endeavour to have at least one model farm started in the near future.

86. Equalisation of assessment in the same Provertis.

Mr. J. Mathew also spoke of the arbitrary inequalities in the assessments levied in different plots in the same field and urged the equalisation of taxes on lands in the same Provertis.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered.

87. Reduction of Payattuputtom tax.

Mr. Kurien Kathanar Mathen (Member, Changanacheri Taluk) said that in assessing garden lands, the old rates were being adhered to without any regard to situation, productiveness, present condition, &c. He referred to the assessments in the Provertis of Changanacheri and Manchatikara and requested that the lands might be properly classified and the assessment made uniform with that in other Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter which was mentioned also in the memorial presented at Changanacheri. The block statements have not been sanctioned. The representation will be considered when the statements come up.

88. Compulsory and free primary education.

Mr. C. Raghava Menon (Member, Changanacheri Taluk) suggested that primary education should be made compulsory and given free to all classes. He referred to the statistics furnished by the Census of 1901 and the Administration Reports and said that, though Travancore was ahead of other Provinces and States in point of literacy, only a fraction of the total population could be said to be receiving any instruction.

Mr. M. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara Taluk) urged the passing of a law making it compulsory on

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